

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to remarks filed on August 26, 2011. Claims 33-46, 48-50, and 53-61 are pending.

Drawings

The drawings submitted on May 3, 2006 are acceptable.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on August 26, 2011 have been fully considered previous rejection has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David M. Longo (Reg. No: 53,235) on December 16, 2011.

1: IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claims as follows:

47. (Cancelled)

51. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently Amendment) An authentication [[kit]] system for authenticating a user's data processing terminal in a data processing system in order to grant the data processing terminal access to selected services provided by the data processing system, comprising:

a first subscriber identity module;

a hardware computer peripheral device having associated therewith the first subscriber identity module and operatively associatable with the user's data processing terminal for performing a first, SIM-based authentication of the user's data processing terminal in the data processing system at an authentication data processing server; and

a second subscriber identity module operatively associated with a user's mobile communication terminal for allowing connection thereof to a mobile communication network and conditioning the authentication of the user's data processing terminal in the data processing system to a second authentication, said second authentication being based on identification information provided to the user at the mobile communication terminal through the mobile communication network using the second subscriber identity module.

61. (Currently Amendment) The authentication [[kit]] system according to claim 60, wherein the first subscriber identity module is of a type adopted in mobile communication networks for authenticating mobile communication terminals.

62. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33-46, 48-50, and 53-61 are allowed over prior arts.

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in independent claims and subsequent dependent claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a system and method of performing subscriber identity module-based authentication of terminal. In this system a subscriber identity module (SIM)-based authentication of user's data processing terminals is performed at an authentication data processing server, by associating the SIM issued to the user with the terminal. The authentication of terminal is conditioned to a second authentication, based on identification data provided to the mobile communication terminal of user, through global system for mobile communication network.

Thus, the cited prior art does not explicitly teach or suggest a method of authenticating a data processing terminal of a user for granting the data processing terminal access to selected services provided by a data processing system, the user being provided with an authenticatable mobile communication terminal adapted to be used in a mobile communication network, comprising:

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performing a first, SIM-based authentication of the user's data processing terminal in the data processing system at an authentication data processing server, said performing the SIM-based authentication comprising operatively associating with the user's data processing terminal a first subscriber identity module issued to the data processing terminal user;

having the user's mobile communication terminal authenticated in the mobile communication network; and

conditioning the authentication of the user's data processing terminal in the data processing system to a second authentication, said second authentication being based on identification information provided to the user at the mobile communication terminal through the mobile communication network using a second subscriber identity module.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not appear to teach or suggest or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations as recited in independent claims and subsequent dependent claims. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a system and method as mentioned above.

An updated search did not reveal any prior art that would anticipate or make obvious the currently claimed invention.

1. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SYED ZIA whose telephone number is (571)272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915 . The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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